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**A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS**

None to report.

**B. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

1. All lectures in BCS-Germany #3 during the first three weeks have been attended by 10 to 15 auditors, in addition to the ten enrolled students. Dr. [redacted], who is one of the most sought after speakers in Washington on psychological aspects of the Europeans, gave a valuable interpretation of the baffling contrasts in German character.

2. [redacted] is taking soundings on a proposal to run the country and regional survey courses a full day, instead of the present half day, two days a week, over a six-week period instead of the present ten weeks. This would permit far better concentration by students, reduce commuting time, and allow instructors greater flexibility in scheduling, particularly to permit area instructors to take greater part in the prospective language/area courses. Preliminary reactions of supervisors are negative.

3. We have suggested to EE [redacted] our ability profitably to employ [redacted] on a short-term interim assignment if EE notes a hiatus between his recent return to HQ and assumption of a permanent assignment elsewhere. So far, however, there has been no positive response from EE, although [redacted] tells us that no assignment has been found for him. He is eminently qualified to do a course on Hungary and language instruction in Serbo-Croatian, Hungarian, etc.

4. On 28 October, [redacted] presented a lecture on "Minorities of the Soviet Union," as part of the SIC's BCS-USSR.

5. Spanish-Basic Speaking, which is slated to run 20 weeks, was begun on 28 October with four students—one week late due to illness of the students.

6. Mrs. [redacted] a dependent, was interviewed for an assignment as a native speaker in French to work with the full-time course that is scheduled to begin in mid-November.

7. A new Dutch Reading class of three students started Monday at the request of WE. One person from FE is also included.

8. Two German classes, at the high elementary and intermediate levels, have been started. Both of these classes grew out of a series of individual requests which indicated a need for these types of training. The intermediate class includes two graduates of the last full-time Basic German course.

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9. On 24 October, [ ] conducted eleven Qualifications Review and Placement Panels. There were candidates for Japanese, Portuguese, Czech, Indonesian, Greek, French, and German.

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10. Details on Mr. [ ] were sent to [ ] so that a formal agreement can be worked out and [ ] can begin work on the Albanian test. [ ] informed us on 24 October that he would be unable to do private tutoring in Albanian, at least in the near future.

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11. On 26 October, a reply was received from [ ] University of [ ]. He is willing to do a translation test in Pashto according to our terms.

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12. On 23 October, AO/TR notified us that NSA had agreed to let [ ] do the Tibetan translation test on a reciprocal-favor basis and that M [ ] may be formally contacted. [ ] NSA Director of Training, on 29 October, to thank him for his generous assistance to us in our test development program, particularly in the use of a hard-to-come-by expert like [ ].

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13. On 25 October, we were informed of security clearance to contact Mrs. [ ] whom we desired to compose the Icelandic test. However, Mrs. [ ] cannot be located at her home address, and Personnel states that Mr. [ ] is on overseas assignment. It is quite likely that [ ] is with her husband, and therefore cannot be reached for work on the test. Personnel is making a further check on her whereabouts.

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14. Many requests from Training Officers for explanation of Form 1273, Certification for Language Award, have been answered. This form is new to them and confusing in the provision for "Maintenance Award" and the letter code for the proficiency grades.

15. A meeting of key FE persons concerned with the Chinese language program occurred on 29 October. Present were DC/FE (Broe), AC/FE [ ]

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[ ] A general discussion of a recent FE commentary to C/LAS on the Chinese program revolved around (1) the need for at least two more Chinese instructors, recognition of the fact that both FE and LAS have been searching for two years for suitable employees, and agreement that both FE and LAS would work jointly to solve this problem, and (2) agreement that both FE and LAS should cooperate to redirect [ ] feeling of responsibility from FE to LAS, and that a selected, agreed-upon student would be asked to serve unofficially to bring to the attention of C/LAS such matters as normally are raised by the linguist-in-charge.

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16. Continuing efforts to locate suitable Chinese instructors has produced nothing during the past week. One person approached declined. Check by C/LAS with employing agency of an applicant decided us to regard this possibility as "not available." Two other prospects are now being considered. In the meantime we are deferring initiation of any new courses planned to meet requirements provided to us.

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17. [ ] has joined the ES/LAS staff to replace [ ] who is resigning for maternity reasons on 1 November.

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